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SUBJ: SAUDI REACTION TO KISSINGER

REF: A. JIDDA 4166 (NOTAL); B. JIDDA 4228

1. PER REF A, SAUDI PRESS HAS NOT COMMENTED ON KISSINGER LUNCHEON WITH ARAB DIPLOMATS. HOWEVER, JIDDA'S MOST INFLUENTIAL DAILY, AL-MADINA, RAN EDITORIAL SEVERAL DAYS AGO ENTITLED "WHAT IS IN THE BAG OF AMERICA'S SUPERMAN?" IN WHICH COLUMNIST ADNAN SALAH EXPRESSED HIS VIEW OF WHAT SECRETARY WILL BE DOING WITH REGARD TO MIDDLE EAST. ARTICLE INTERESTING IN WHAT IT WARNS READERS NOT TO EXPECT ANYTHING TOO SOON.

2. ARTICLE FIRST NOTED THAT IT IS NOT EVEN CLEAR WHETHER DR. KISSINGER WILL ATTEMPT TO SOLVE ME CRISIS; IT SAID SHOULD HE ATTEMPT TO SOLVE PROBLEM, IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE CHANCE OF SUCCESS, ADDING, HOWEVER, THAT USG HAS "APPROPRIATE MEANS  
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OF MAKING (ISRAEL) GIVE UP PERSISTENCE IT NOW EXERCISES TO

MAINTAIN PRESENT STALEMATE."

3. EDITORIAL NOTED THAT KISSINGER'S ADVENT COMES AT A TIME WHEN ADMINISTRATION "NEARLY PARALYZED" IN ITS ABILITY CONTEND WITH "HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL ISRAELI INTEREST IN AMERICAN CONGRESS." NONETHELESS, KISSINGER IS "STRONGEST PERSONALITY IN NIXON'S PRESENT ADMINISTRATION AND ONE OF MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSONALITIES IN AMERICAN HISTORY." AS RESULT, HE CAN MOVE IN RELATION TO ME CRISIS "IN A WAY THAT NEITHER NIXON NOR OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS CAN, IF THE AMERICANS WANT A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM." SALAH POINTED OUT THAT IT IS LOGICAL THAT AMERICANS WANT A SETTLEMENT, BECAUSE OF THEIR PETROLEUM NEEDS.

4. SALAH CONCLUDED WITH A WARNING THAT A CHANGE IN AMERICAN ATTITUDE WILL NOT COME OUT UNTIL AFTER A LAPSE OF SOME MONTHS OF "BEHIND-THE-SCENES PREPARATIONS." BUT DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, NONTHELESS, HE ADDED IT WILL BE REVEALED "WHETHER KISSINGER'S INTENTION IS TO MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, OR WHETHER HE WILL CONTINUE HIS INDIFFERENCE" TOWARDS THE ME CRISIS.

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